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12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
13 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

14 In re the

15 THE SJB REVOCABLE TRUST,
16 dated July 26, 2004

CASE NO. BP 109 096

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL
PETITION RE INVESTMENT POWERS
AND STRATEGY**

Date: December 15, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: 9
Judge: Hon. Reva Goetz

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BY ANDREA MURDOCK, DEPUTY

1 The motion of Ivan Taback ("Trustee"), Trustee of The SJB Revocable Trust dated July 26,
2 2004 (the "SJB Trust"), for an Order pursuant to California Rules of Court 2.5501 and 2.551
3 sealing the Petition re Investment Powers and Strategy and related documents (the "Petition and
4 Related Papers") came on regularly for hearing before this Court on December 15, 2010. Clark R.
5 Byam of Hahn & Hahn LLP appeared on behalf of Ivan Taback.

6 Having considered the records, the pleadings, the declarations and oral argument, the Court
7 finds as follows:

8 (1) There are overriding interests that overcome the right of public access to the
9 information redacted from the publicly filed version of the Petition and Related Papers.
10 Specifically, Ms. Spears and the SJB Trust have an overriding interest in maintaining the
11 confidentiality of their trade secrets, proprietary information, and financial information. This
12 overriding interest overcomes the public's right to access and supports sealing the record because
13 public disclosure of the trade secrets, proprietary information, and financial information that are
14 directly or indirectly revealed by the information redacted from the publicly filed version of the
15 Petition and Related Papers would give third parties an unfair competitive advantage over the SJB
16 Trust in future business dealings and deter potential parties from contracting with the Trustee for
17 fear that the sensitive terms of their business deals would also be made public. Thus, absent an
18 order sealing the information that was redacted from the publicly filed version of the Petition and
19 Related Papers, Ms. Spears' and the SJB Trust's financial and business affairs would be
20 compromised.


21 (2) There is a substantial probability that Ms. Spears' and the SJB Trust's overriding
22 interests described above would be prejudiced if the information redacted from the publicly filed
23 version of the Petition and Related Papers is not sealed. Given the unprecedented media attention
24 given to Ms. Spears, it is virtually certain that the trade secrets, proprietary information and
25 financial information that are directly or indirectly revealed by the information redacted from the
26 publicly filed version of the Petition and Related Papers would be widely disseminated if that
27 information were filed publicly, thereby prejudicing Ms. Spears' and the SJB Trust's interests.

28 (3) The sealing, as ordered, is as narrowly tailored as possible, and no less restrictive

1 means exist to protect Ms. Spears' and the SJB Trust's overriding interests adequately. The
2 public's interest in access to these proceedings is satisfied because there are minimal redactions of
3 sensitive information in the publicly filed version of the Petition and Related Papers. The
4 information that is redacted is of relatively minimal value to the public, but could be used by third
5 parties to Ms. Spears' and the SJB Trust's significant disadvantage.

6 Accordingly, good cause appearing therefor, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the
7 unredacted version of the *Ex Parte* Petition re Investment Powers and Strategy filed on September
8 23, 2010, and supporting papers and Order thereon shall be sealed, and the redacted versions shall
9 be part of the public record.

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11 DATED: 12/15, 2010



Honorable Reva Goetz

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